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Dear Fellow Citizen,

Thank You for requesting a copy of the Finger Lakes National Forest's revised Forest Plan. We are pleased to announce the release of the Record of Decision (ROD) on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Finger Lakes National Forest 2006 Land and Resource Management Plan (2006 Forest Plan). The ROD, Final EIS, 2006 Forest Plan, and supporting documents can also be found on the Forest's website at [www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl).

The 2006 Forest Plan will guide the management of the Finger Lakes National Forest for the next 10 to 15 years. The revised Plan is strategic in nature, and places an emphasis on ecological, social, and economic sustainability over the long-term. The Final EIS documents the analysis and discloses the anticipated effects that were the basis for the Regional Forester's selection of Alternative 3 to become the 2006 Forest Plan.

Alternative 3 has been selected as the 2006 Forest Plan because it provides the best blend of goods, services, and values for the public. It allows National Forest managers to restore, maintain, and enhance healthy ecosystems, conserve important plant and animal species, and provide a variety of goods and services that local communities, and the nation as a whole, consider important. Among these goods and services are recreation opportunities, timber products, wildlife habitats, healthy ecosystems, scenic beauty, and clean water and air. The ROD documents the Regional Forester's selection and explains the reasons for his choice.

Implementation of the 2006 Forest Plan will begin 30 days after the Notice of Availability of the Final EIS is published in the Federal Register. The Notice of Availability is expected to be published on June 09, 2006.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 217.3. A written notice of appeal must be filed with the Chief of the Forest Service within 90 days of the date that the legal notice of this decision appears in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.





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Appeals must be sent to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail	Express Mail
USDA Forest Service	USDA Forest Service
Ecosystem Management Coordination	Ecosystem Management Coordination
1400 Independence Avenue, SW	201 14 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW
Mail stop Code 1104	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Central Wing
Washington, DC 20250-1104	Washington, DC 20024
	Phone: (202) 205-0895

A copy of the appeal must simultaneously be sent to the deciding officer:

Regional Forester of the Eastern Region  
USDA Forest Service  
Eastern Region  
626 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Any notice of appeal must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9 and include at a minimum:

- A statement that the document is a Notice of Appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR Part 217
- The name, address, and telephone number of the appellant.
- Identification of the decision to which the objection is being made.
- Identification of the document in which the decision is contained, by title and subject.
- Date of the decision and name of and title of the Deciding Officer
- Identification of the specific portion of the decision to which the objection is made.
- The reason for the appeal including issues of the fact, law, regulation, or policy.
- Identification of the specific change(s) in the decision that the appellant seeks.

For additional information or if you have further questions, please contact Melissa Reichert at (802) 747-6754 or e-mail [mmreichert@fs.fed.us](mailto:mmreichert@fs.fed.us). Thank you for your interest in the Finger Lakes National Forest. We look forward to your continued partnership in keeping the 2006 Forest Plan up-to-date and relevant into the future.

Sincerely,

*Gina Owens*

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Forest Supervisor

